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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN *PMF*

ERRONEOUS LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE

This morning, the Los Angeles Times reported erroneously that Deputy Chief Helen Jo had received a written reprimand. This article, written by Garrett Therolf, asserted that an Auditor-Controller's report indicated that Chief Jo had received a written reprimand related to the hiring of Edward Rhone. This is incorrect and a travesty. A different manager was reprimanded, but it was not Chief Jo.

I have not had an opportunity to contact the Auditor-Controller to ascertain the source of this erroneous information, but I want you to be advised of this inaccuracy. I am contacting the Los Angeles Times as well to have them verify that they were quoting the Auditor-Controller's report correctly. In any event, I believe that the Auditor-Controller and the L.A. Times need to correct this publicly since the inaccuracy was published. If I ascertain more information, I will provide that to you and your staff.

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